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Foreword

This Surgeon General's Workshop marks the beginning of a coordinated campaign to save the 25,000 lives that are lost each year because Americans persist in drinking and driving. As with smoking, the issues are many and complicated, and even small steps toward alleviating the problem trigger emotions and controversy.

Coordination began with having five Federal Departments sponsor the workshop – Defense, Education, Justice, Health and Human Services, and Transportation. The experts who participated in the workshop represent the broad array of specialists who must work together to bring this pervasive behavior under control. The difficulties they face were immediately apparent in the number of invited experts who declined to attend.

The participants spent 3 days generating solutions in 11 interrelated areas and developing recommendations that affect the wide range of people – from beverage servers to carmakers, from legislators to treatment providers, from advocates to advertisers – who can play some role in alleviating this problem.

The participants also suggested strategies for implementing the recommendations and set up timeframes for their accomplishment. They are included in this volume. Now it is our turn to act to make the Nation safe from the tragedies precipitated by combining alcohol and motor vehicles.

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Abbreviations

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408 Programs	23 U.S.C. 408-I incentive grants to States for alcohol traffic safety programs
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ABC	Alcohol Beverage Control
ADAMHA	Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration
ASAP	Alcohol Safety Action Projects
ASTHO	Association of State and Territorial Health Officers
BAC	Blood Alcohol Concentration
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
CDC	Centers for Disease Control
CPL	Certified products list
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DOJ	Department of Justice
DOT	Department of Transportation
DUI	Driving Under the Influence
DWI	Driving While Intoxicated The terms DWI and DUI are synonymous, meaning either driving while intoxicated or driving while under the influence. These are general terms referring to the criminal action of driving a motor vehicle either (1) while "illegal per se" or (2) while impaired, under the influence, or intoxicated by alcohol or other drugs.
EMS	Emergency Medical Systems
FARS	Fatal Accident Reporting System
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FCC	Federal Communications Commission

IACP	International Association of Chiefs of Police
IHS	Indian Health Service
Illegal per se	Refers to State laws that make it an offense to operate a motor vehicle while at or above a specified blood alcohol level.
MADD	Mothers Against Drunk Driving
MCD	Multiple Cause of Death file taken from death certificate data by National Center for Health Statistics
NAB	National Association of Broadcasters
NAGHSR	National Association of Governor's Highway Safety Representatives
NCADD	National Commission Against Drunk Driving
NCADI	National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information
NCIC	National Crime Information Center
NHTSA	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
NIAAA	National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
NIDA	National Institute on Drug Abuse
NSA	National Sheriffs Association
OJJDP	Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
OSAP	Office for Substance Abuse Prevention
PHS	Public Health Service
PI&E	Public information and education
PSA	Public service announcement
RADAR	Regional Alcohol and Drug Awareness Resource Network
RFP	Request for proposals
RWID	Riding With Intoxicated Driver

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